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June 8, 2000

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company, as a Gas
Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities and
Provide Natural Gas Service in a Portion of the Town of
Deerfield, Dane County, Wisconsin

6630-CG-110

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the March 28, 2000, application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO), as a gas public utility, for authority under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.49 and 196.50, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 133, to construct natural gas distribution facilities and provide natural gas service in a portion of the Town of Deerfield, Dane County, Wisconsin.

WEPCO is a gas public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5), with its principal office in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. WEPCO is engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in areas throughout Wisconsin.

In docket CA-4238, dated August 30, 1963, the Commission authorized Alliant Energy – Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) to provide natural gas service in the Town of Deerfield, Dane County, Wisconsin.

WEPCO has entered into a boundary agreement with WP&L dated March 8, 2000. Subject to Commission approval, WP&L has agreed to relinquish to WEPCO the exclusive right to provide natural gas service in sections 24, 25 and 36, T. 7 N., R. 12 E., of the Town of Deerfield, Dane County, Wisconsin.

Predecessors to WEPCO were legally engaged in performing gas utility service prior to August 1, 1931, in the Town of Lake Mills, Jefferson County. The Town of Lake Mills is immediately adjacent to the Town of Deerfield.

WEPCO states that 18 potential customers in the Town of Deerfield can be served directly from its existing main located on the east side of STH 134 in the Town of Lake Mills. Originating from this existing main WEPCO proposes to install approximately 4,800 feet of new

main to serve 20 potential residential and 3 potential small commercial customers in the unincorporated area known as London in the Town of Deerfield.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a). Currently, the only parties to this proceeding are WEPCO and WP&L. Any other person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3), no later than 10 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge Jeffrey J. Patzke, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854 Madison, WI, 53707-7854. The request shall be served upon WEPCO and WP&L before it is filed.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director, at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Thomas A. Reisdorf at (608) 267-1475.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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